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APPLICANTS: Farmer  
ASSIGNEE: Ganeden Biotech, Inc.  
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FOR: METHODS FOR INCREASING THE SOLUBILITY OF ESSENTIAL VITAMINS &  
MINERALS IN MAMMALS USING PROBIOTIC LACTIC-ACID PRODUCING  
BACTERIA, SYSTEMS, AND COMPOSITIONS

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Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

In response to the Office Action mailed on September 6, 2001, please amend the application as follows.

In the claims:

Cancel claim 60.

Amend claims 51 and 55. Add new claims 61-68.